

Dear Mr. Meador,

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I received your letter of April 29, 1998, and am dismayed that there was a misunderstanding both with my letter and in our telephone conversation. I will try to clarify things:

During my Task Force investigation, I found dozens of cases in which Animal Control officers brought false charges against citizens in order to seize livestock/property. Instead of protecting these citizens' property and lives, they were robbing them. The California courts were worse - ruling against the victims, who were thus stripped of their assets and livelihoods. This caused many of them to take their cases to federal court. Citizen complaints about California judicial misconduct have gone unheeded, as they were tantamount to suing a doctor for malpractice, and having the case heard by the AMA!!! Victims of this type of judicial abuse have been unilaterally ignored by the Council on Judicial Performance, the District Attorney, the County Boards of Supervisors, the Attorney General, and, in the cases of the ones that got death threats, Internal Affairs. These cases have either gone on to federal court, or are pending being filed in federal court. Victims of these thefts under color of law find out the hard way that they cannot get a fair hearing in California state court, so they try for neutral ground in federal court.

In one typical case, Animal Control officers came by when the victim was not at home, cut the lock on her gate, entered her back yard, and snatched 11 chickens and 41 rabbits - all with no verified complaint, no warrant, and no probable cause. Unsigned notices were left on the front door. The victim was told by the Chief Animal Control officer, "We haven't decided to charge you with anything yet based upon how cooperative you are." She (the victim) was told to pay a \$200.00 fine. She said she would, as long as the Humane Society told her what she had done wrong, what law did she violate, and what the money was for. She did not feel right about forking out \$200.00 on somebody's say-so without going to court, and without being found guilty of a crime first. The Humane Society told her she had to pay. She refused. They told her she had better get a lawyer, then they served her, through the U.S. mail, 167 bogus "animal cruelty" charges with no signature and no proof of service!! When she saw this, she was dumbfounded, as the chickens had just won major prizes at the Fair, such as Reserve Champion, Best of Breed, etc. When she went to court, the "Humane" Society presented her with a "food, board and veterinary care" bill totalling \$23,386.00 for 3 1/2 months' care of the 11 chickens and 41 rabbits. She spent the next 3 1/2 years battling these ridiculous charges in court. Her requests and motions were all arbitrarily denied - Administrative hearing, Bill of Particulars, Writ of Reviews - all denied. Court transcripts "disappeared" hampering her efforts to prepare her defense. When everything was said and done, she lost both her jobs, her car, her antique furniture, the rest of her chickens got cleaned out, she lost her house, then spent 35 days in jail for what was technically an infraction, which was on appeal!! This case will be refiled in federal court, if it hasn't already, as extortion, racketeering, grand theft, commodities-tampering, laundering stolen property, wire fraud, perjury, and impersonating an officer are, to the best of my knowledge, federal felonies.

Other cases involving small livestock and/or pets showed the exact practice and pattern of theft under color of law, perjury, extortion, and terrorism. Other victims had false charges of "cock fighting" brought against them if they owned more than one rooster. "Humane" officers then swooped in and confiscate not only all the chickens, but cameras, camping equipment, lingerie, clothes, books, cash, garden tools, guns, antiques, even food out of freezers!! Sometimes cars and trucks were also swooped away. Victims could not hire an attorney for their defense. One victim of this particular "cock-fighting" scam got one of the "Humane" shelter employees to testify on his behalf that other "Humane" employees let his roosters

fight with each other at the animal shelter, and get all battered up so as to appear they had been used in a cock fight. The man had an air-tight case against the Humane Society. Airtight, that is, until his only son was picked up on a "reckless driving" charge and thrown in jail. The sheriff went to the man's attorney, and told him that unless he got his client to drop the suit against the Humane Society, that his son could have a mishap, most likely fatal, in jail. The man dropped the suit in state court, but it will be refiled in federal court. More terrorism and theft covered up by the California "justice" system.

As for myself - I was never charged with a crime, was never convicted of a crime, yet I had over \$100,000.00 worth of my property/assets/estate stolen from me and disposed of in an Ex Parte hearing in which I had absolutely NO NOTIFICATION. This was at the hands of Animal Control officers, city attorney, and two municipal court judges, who alleged that my prize-winning poultry they seized (also with no complaint and no warrant and no probable cause) was "abandoned" and in "terrible shape." This stripped me of my livelihood, as this livestock was an extensive research and development project I'd had for the past 9 years, and represented considerable intellectual as well as direct monetary value (one receipt for one brood cock: \$500.00). When I sued the responsible parties in state court, I experienced threats against myself, my legal staff, and my family along with intimidation of my witnesses in an attempt to get me to drop my case. I WILL be refiling in federal court. Expect case load from me and my fellow victims.

The Commission NEEDS to hear about these cases, and that a vast case-load can be expected and is already occurring in federal court as victims are not getting a fair hearing in state court. It has been exactly like getting the fox to oversee and administer the hen house.

Hard-working California citizens, who slave three months out of each year in order to pay taxes, deserve much more than a corrupt, closed forum guild of robbers masquerading and disguising themselves as Animal Control officers, city attorneys, municipal & superior court judges, and traffic commissioners. American people deserve a meaningful opportunity to be heard by a Commission that does not turn a deaf ear to the problem of petty cases overloading our federal courts. Case-load IS pertinent to the Commission. Don't "blow off" federal crimes and felonies.

My ancestors fought the British in order to achieve liberty, and to abolish titles of nobility, secret societies, taxation without representation, star-chamber justice, and debtor's prison. I would do them a grave dishonor if I did not do my utmost to ensure that wrong is made right so that happiness and good government can flow forth.

I hope that this letter/request to speak is specific enough for you. If rinky-dink cases flooding into federal court because of problems on the state level are truly what this commission is not interested in hearing, would you please be so kind as to direct me to the correct forum to get these complaints properly heard and resolved? I have already tried all my politicians up to the California Attorney-General with no luck. If the Commission is interested in case-load in federal court, please find a slot for me as speaker, and put on more days for hearings so that citizens can have a meaningful opportunity to be heard.

Sincerely,



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